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Serial No.: 09/931,692)
Filed: 8/14/01) Examiner: C. L. Miller
Title: Silicone Medical Implant With) GAU: 3738
Bioabsorbable Surface)
Docket No.: 01III1)

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AMENDMENT A

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 09/13/02, which response was due on 12/13/02, Applicant encloses a Petition Requesting a One Month Extension of Time for filing this response, together with the appropriate Petition Fee. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to amend the above-referenced application as follows:

In the Specification

Page 6, line 4, kindly add the following text: - Figure 10 is a cross-sectional view
of a third preferred embodiment of a outer portion of a hybrid implant in accordance with
the present invention wherein the outer bioabsorbable portion of the implant comprises two
different bioabsorbable materials having different rates of biodegradation following
implantation within a host organism. -.